

KITTIE WILKINS IS IN TOWN

Little Woman Who Knows a Thing or Two About Horses.

THE COMES FROM WILD AND WOOLY WEST

Miss Wilkins Combines Drawing Room Grace with Expert Knowledge of How to Handle Bucking Bronchos.

Miss Kittie Wilkins of Mountain Home, Idaho, is an Omaha visitor.

This reads like an item from the society column, but it isn't, as the interest in Miss Wilkins' visit is found almost altogether in the fact that she is the "horse queen" of the world.

No other woman owns and manages a ranch even a fractional part as large as the vast Idaho ranges and grazing lands where Miss Wilkins raises stock for sale in the markets of the east and the south.

What brings her here? Well, I am on my way to Kansas City at the request of Erwin & Grant, the commission men, who want me to look over the market with a view to making shipments of stock there.

Miss Wilkins is a vivacious brunette with the refined appearance of one whose taste inclined to art and music rather than rugged life on the mountains and plains.

How did I come to be a horsewoman? she said. "Just like the name to be honest, I grew so. A good many years ago my family lived in Washington territory, as it was then.

"Riding and driving has always been a passion with me. Even when I was at school an opportunity for a spin behind a rooster in the morning was not to be missed.

"Our ranches are many miles apart. What we call the home ranch is twenty-two miles from Mountain Home and this town is about sixty miles from Boise City.

"I like nothing better than to take one of my fastest horses, wear a comfortable blue cloth habit, a girl's sombrero to keep off the sun and canter over the ranges.

"I don't think I ever want to give up the life I am now living and have a home of my own. He married, I suppose you mean. Well, you see, I have a home of my own.

"I don't think I am different than other women when it comes to the little heart longings, but I don't think I will ever marry. I don't know why. Not long ago there was a long year in the St. Louis newspapers about my engagement to a prominent contractor there. It was just a year. No truth. We were good friends and were together a good deal, but as far as marriage is concerned I never thought of it.

"Of course, I have known many men who rather coveted the ranch and intimated as much indirectly. I guess there never was a woman with money that did not have

EVELEES EDEN FOR MEN ONLY

Stag Hotels Where Women's Gentle Hand is Absent.

INTERESTING FEATURE OF CITY LIFE

Place Where Men Have Undisputed Sway, Unfettered by the Subduing Influence of Femininity—Queer Types of Humanity.

One of the most interesting features of life in a city is the stag hotel. This rather inelegant but expressive name means a hotel which caters to men only, and where the handwork of gentle woman is an unknown quantity like the algebraic "X."

In many of the larger cities there are stag hotels where fancy prices are maintained, and these Evelees Edens are for swaggers young men about town—and some old ones, too—who know not the bliss of domestic environments and who like the conviviality that is always on tap in such places.

Men who toll all day and are too tired at nightfall to "spruce up" sufficiently to appear to advantage at the table of the company boarding house, consequently they prefer the lodging places where the seclusion of their fellow men can be enjoyed, and untidy wearing apparel and unkempt hair and beards will be endured without even so much as a word of criticism.

There are many men who have been unsexed to the society of any save their own sex from boyhood. They like the noise of the city, the lights and the sight of the street, the bustle, and in the quieter localities where it is usual to find table and chairs for men to rent they would be ill at ease.

For these the stag hotel is a paradise. There is still another class of living quarters like this and a slight distance from the center of the city, in the palaces of the streets they are known as the "cheap lodging houses," and the men who find homes here are mentioned in a record of the city's inhabitants as "transients."

CITY WINS TAX LITIGATION

Decision of Judge Fawcett Will Be Promptly Tested by Appeal to Higher Court.

Another decision to the effect that persons are estopped from contesting the validity of taxes by which they have profited is handed down this morning by Judge Fawcett in the case of the Equitable Loan and Trust company against the City of Omaha. The company brought action to invalidate \$3,000 worth of special and regular taxes upon a row of flats located at the corner of Eleventh and Pierce streets.

The paving and curbing taxes on both Pierce and Eleventh streets were to be contested by the company. James H. Adams, assistant city attorney, raised the point that the plaintiff was estopped from even alleging the validity of the tax, because the property was bought in at foreclosure sale and the paving taxes and delinquent regular taxes were deducted from the price set by the appraisers. This point was sustained by the court, who did not even allow the plaintiff to introduce any testimony concerning the validity of the taxes.

Mr. Adams then made a motion for judgment on the pleadings and his motion was sustained by the court. The amount of money involved in this case is larger than in any of the preceding cases of the same nature and the plaintiff has signified intention of carrying the case to the higher court at once. Judge Fawcett and the city legal department are anxious to have the matter settled as soon as possible.

MANDAMUS IS AUTHORIZED

John F. Lally Must Deliver Woodmen of the World Records.

Judge Keyser has authorized a writ of mandamus compelling John F. Lally, formerly clerk of Alpha camp No. 1, Woodmen of the World, to deliver books, records and money alleged to be the property of the camp, which he is withholding from the officers of the sovereign camp.

The writ ordered by the judge bids Lally to appear in court on January 15 to show cause why he should not comply with the requests of the camp officers. Lally is charged with having collected assessments from the members of Alpha camp and neglecting to turn them over to the proper officers. A committee of three consisting of George S. Meek, Charles Unit and W. T. Halbus, investigated Lally's accounts in accordance with the provisions of the constitution and preferred charges against him.

MERRY MASQUERADERS DANCE

Thirty-Sixth Annual Ball of the Durant Hose Company.

The thirty-sixth annual masquerade ball of Durant Hose company, the volunteer organization of fire-fighters maintained at the Union Pacific shops, crowded Washington hall last night with a merry crowd. The dancing floor was filled until a late hour, while the balconies contained numerous onlookers. Unique costumes were worn by the dancers, and the best of them representing The Omaha Bee and being worn by Misses Nettie Fay, Mary Cody and Ethel Smith and Mrs. W. E. Wilson. The stage was tastefully decorated with hosiery and various trophies of the company.

MECCA FOR MERRY SKATERS

Afternoon and Evening Jolly Crowds Skim the Ice at Cut Off Lake.

Cut Off lake is the Mecca of skaters. Any afternoon or evenings hundreds of merry-makers may be seen skimming over the fine ice which covers the flats below the bluff tract. The smaller ponds in the park have been deserted for the most part, and the skating is done on the main pond and the residents of that portion of the city are calling attention to the many advantages offered by the lake.

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EXPOSITION TO BE WINNER

Indications Denote That Auditorium Fund Will Receive Big Boost.

LAWYERS COME TO BLOWS

W. J. Connell and C. S. Montgomery Fall Off a Mill.

Montgomery Construes a Remark of Connell to Be an Insult and Concludes by Calling Time is Called.

An unexpected incident at the Saturday morning session of court compelled Judge Dickinson to add to his duties of handling the accounts of the refereeing a fistic bout between two attorneys.

W. J. Connell and C. S. Montgomery were the belligerents. The court preserved his dignity by not interfering in the combat, which lasted several minutes. There was a fierce exchange of blows and then lawyers in the room rushed to separate the fighters. After it was all over the judge called the attorneys before him and delivered a severe reprimand, but in conclusion said that he would not impose a fine for contempt.

The enclosure grew out of an insinuation regarding Montgomery's veracity. The attorneys were arguing a motion in the case of Adler & Sons against Heiman. Montgomery had introduced affidavits and Connell desired time to file affidavits in denial of the facts alleged in his rival's documents.

Montgomery Objects to Delay. Attorney Montgomery was anxious to proceed with the trial. "There is no use arguing this matter, gentlemen," said the court, "I cannot hear it now, but will set a hearing for Thursday next for contempt."

The attorneys turned to go. Mr. Connell sat down to put on his overcoat. Mr. Montgomery walked to the rear of the room to get his hat. As he left the court enclosure he turned to Attorney Connell and said: "There is no use in this delay, I'm willing to admit the man you want affidavits from will swear to anything."

"Yes," retorted Connell, "and I'm just as willing to admit that your witness, including yourself, will swear to just as much as he will."

Montgomery rushed back to the enclosure just as Connell straightened up from a stooping posture and clutched him by the throat. "You take that back," he muttered.

Connell Stands Pat. "Not for you," was the reply. At the same time Connell drew back and let fly what is known in pugilistic parlance as a full arm swing on the jaw. Montgomery tightened his clutch on the throat. There was another swing on Montgomery's cheek followed by uppercuts and short arm jolts in profusion, indicating that the city attorney numbers pugilistic skill among his other accomplishments. Blood was streaming from a cut on Montgomery's forehead, and so fast were the blows that he had been the counter that the lawyers who first regarded the exchange of words as a joke and were wreathed in smiles had not time to realize the gravity of the situation.

After the men were drawn apart the court called them back and said that the enclosure was the most disgraceful affair that ever took place in the court room. Both attorneys apologized to the court, but were careful not to say anything by way of apology to each other.

INSANE MAN AT COUNTY JAIL MAKES APPOINTMENTS FREELY

Deputy Sheriffs Jones and Flynn took into custody at the depot hotel last night an insane man who believes he is the president of the Union Pacific railroad system. He informed the deputies that he had been a general in the English army in the Crimean wars and was a personal friend of Queen Victoria. During the time he has been in the jail awaiting examination by the insane commissioners he has scattered appointments to positions on the railroad broadcast, have made Deputy Jones general manager of the line, and having given preference to the position varying from section boss to vice president.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Miss Lena Curtis will have an exhibition of miniature art at Whitmore's next week. The Omaha Bee has been designated by the council as one of the official papers of the city.

A. M. Henderson has been granted a building permit for a \$500 addition to be built on the lot at the corner of 20th and K streets. Small damage was done to the roof of Keasler's dance hall, 1214 South Thirtieth street, last night by fire resulting from a defective fuse.

Mrs. E. J. Cymbale reports to the police that she was robbed of a \$500 bill and a pearl-encrusted watch and an old 38-caliber revolver have been stolen from his house. Sergeant Fair who a year ago was arrested for shooting an escaping prisoner at Fort Crook and whose application for a pardon was held by Judge Stinger, created considerable interest at the time, was in the city yesterday on his way to Fort Robinson.

The frame barn in the rear of 2150 South Thirtieth street was badly damaged by fire yesterday afternoon and the contents, a horse, a cow and a survey, were destroyed. The loss is \$300 in the barn and \$100 in the contents. Alvin A. Johnson and David B. Trull are the owners.

Alvin A. Sheard, who was arrested Thursday of last week for covering up a murder, was discharged Saturday, as the county attorney, after investigating his case, found there was no evidence upon which he could be convicted. He will appear at police court Monday morning for formal dismissal from custody.

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